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Mr. John Hughes Editor The Christian Science Monitor 1 Norway St. Boston, Mass. 02115

Dear Mr. Hughes,

Yes, it has been some time since we met during my United Nations' incarnation.

It's good to hear from you. It is especially good to read your sensible book review.

You may be right when you say "a word in support" is rare. Still, I have a feeling inside me that although the words may be rare, the actuality of support is out there in the country. I hope I'm right in this; it's something you really can't prove.

As an old Far East man, you would have loved sharing my assignment in Peking. I found it fascinating. You would have found it doubly so.

Thanks for writing and the courtesy of sending me your review.

Sincerely.

George Bush Director

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Mr. George Bush Director CIA Langley, VA 23665

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Mr. Howard Feinglass The Political Club Gilman School 5407 Roland Ave. Baltimore, MD 21210

Dear Mr. Feinglass:

Your letter to Mr. Bush of January 30 has been referred to me to answer. I am sorry that the Director will not be able to accept your invitation to speak to the Gilman School Political Club, but I am sure you understand that he has a large number of demands on his time right now.

I am enclosing the transcripts of two recent television appearances by Mr. Bush in which he had a chance to address a number of questions concerning the Central Intelligence Agency and the role of intelligence in our democratic society. I hope they may be of interest to you in your studies.

Again, thank you for your kind invitation and good luck with your Political Club.

Sincerely,

Deputy Assistant to the Director

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The Honorable George Bush Secretary of The Central Intelligence Agency The Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Secretary Bush:

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Mr. George Bush Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

For several years I have been a member of a small group of businessmen which meets periodically with key government leaders to discuss issues of importance to American business.

It is my privilege to invite you to speak to the group at 4:30 p.m., March 29, in the Mount Vernon Room of the Madison Hotel, Washington. We would appreciate it if you would be able to speak for 20-30 minutes and then participate in a question and answer session. The latter usually runs up to one hour.

If your schedule permits, we would be happy to have you join us for dinner following the afternoon meeting. However, if you have other obligations at that time, you should be able to depart at about

Your comments will be solely for the information of the members, and no record is kept of the meeting. The group is known informally as the Y-Group, as it was organized by William T. Ylvisaker, chairman of Gould, Inc.

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Mr. George Bush March 8, 1976 Page Two

I hope you will be able to take part in the meeting, and I am looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

E. M. Estes

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March 5, 1976

Dear Mr. Andersen,

Thank you for your warm and supportive letter of March 2nd. I read the editorial with interest.

I know this job has many problems and the CIA certainly has been embattled over the past year or so, but there is a fundamental support for the Agency in this country and the pendulum seems to be swinging away from irrational attacks. By this I don't mean that things did not go wrong in the past. They did. But for awaile the decibel count of criticism was so high that the fundamental work of the Agency might have been jeopardized.

I can report to you that this place is full of dedicated, unselfish, highly qualified people and the comforting thing is that the American people seem to know this.

Thanks again for your good wishes. I know I'll need them in this difficult job, but I'm mighty glad to be here.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely.

George Bush

Mr. Harold W. Andersen President Omaha World-Herald World-Herald Square Omaha, Nebraska 68102

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Mr. George Bush Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Twice during your time as Republican National Chairman, I had the opportunity, as Chairman of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, to chat with you during meetings in Washington. Since then, I have followed your career with particular interest, and I write now to congratulate you on your appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I write also to share with you a copy of an editorial which appeared in our newspaper last week, commenting on Professor Schlesinger's nonsensical suggestion that the CIA budget be cut in half. A copy of our editorial is enclosed.

This editorial is typical of others we have written defending the CIA and/or FBI from the incessant and frequently unreasonable attacks to which the agencies have been subjected.

In one of our conversations in Washington, I recall mentioning to you that the news media comments originating in Washington or New York are frequently not representative of editorial voices across the country. The enclosed editorial is an example of what I had in mind.

You have my best wishes for success in the discharge of your important new responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Harold W. Andersen

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Friday, February 27, 1976

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Schlesinger's Budget Cutting Talk Nonsense

Author-educator Arthur Schlesinger Jr. berates the administration for proposing CIA reform legislation which, he says, would give the agency new power and protection.

He closes with another attack on the President, saying that Ford "totally ignores the most effective way to bring the CIA under control. That is, of course, to cut the budget."

We give serious attention to most budget-cutting proposals. Let's look at this one.

What is the proposed CIA budget? Schlesinger doesn't say. Since only a handful of administration officials and congressional watchdogs have a right to know, presumably Schlesinger does not know.

Nevertheless, he says that "the obvious fact is that the intelligence community has far too much money." He adds that too much money tempts the

agency to "rush into bizarre and profligate projects" and causes a lot of people to sit around a desk "trying to justify their existence." So what should be done?

"Cutting the CIA budget in half would eliminate most of this non-sense."

The solution is so simple it's breathtaking and opens new channels of thought.

If cutting by half is good, why wouldn't cutting by two-thirds or three-fourths be better? And if meataxing budget totals we don't know about is dandy, why wouldn't the meataxing of budgets we know about have much to recommend it also?

Following Prof. Schlesinger's lead, Congress and the President could cut in half the budgets for defense, health, education, welfare, agriculture and all the rest. There would be no need for federal revenue sharing because the money needed by state and local government would stay home. We could start paying off the national debt and have plenty left over to invest in job-creating private enterprises.

All of which is delirious nonsense, as is Schlesinger's proposal.

Budget-cutting is hard-nosed serious business and very difficult to accomplish because of the ingrained habit of Congress to increase presidential budget proposals.

There is likely waste in the CIA as there is in most government. We hope it is restrained if it cannot be eliminated in a reformed CIA. But meat-ax budget cutting of an agency battered by congressional inquiry and lowered in morale would be destructive and irresponsible.

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JAMES F. GOODMON
PRESIDENT

March 2, 1976

Mr. William Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Colby:

We invite your attention to the attached copy of Viewpoint Editorial (no. 3293). This editorial was telecast by WRAL-TV on 3/2/76 at 6:20 pm and on 3/3/76 at 6:55 am. This editorial was broadcast over WRAL-FM at 12:00 Noon on 3/3/76.

In addition the broadcast on WRAL-FM is made available to affi iates of the North Carolina News Network who may have a different or later scheduling time from that of the Network origination.

We hereby offer our facilities to you at no charge for response to any statements contained therein to which you may wish to present an opposing view. We will be glad to hear from you in this connection.

Sincerely,

James F. Goodmon

President

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JFG/mcs Enclosure VIEWPOINT #3293, PRESENTED BY JEFFREY ST. JOHN TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1976

During the height of the Congressional witchhunt of the CIA, Senator Barry Goldwater made a remarkable disclosure. The Arizona Republican revealed that he had information that Russian agents were plying their trade on Capitol Hill. Congress and the press shrugged their shoulders at Senator Goldwater's revelation and Congress continued its campaign to carve up the CIA -- charged with the responsibility of countering Soviet spying.

Recently it was discovered that for over twenty years the Russians had been bombarding our Embassy in Moscow with microwave snooping devices. Medical specialists suspect that the microwave snooping caused cancer in some of our Embassy employees.

This past Sunday, a Mobil Oil engineer shot and killed himself after it was revealed he had turned over important oil secrets to the Soviets. First he spied for the Russians and then became a double agent for the United States. The Mobil Oil engineer admitted he became a communist sympathizer during World War II.

The lesson in all this: The Russians go right on snooping and spying and increasing their defense spending while Congress cuts and slashes away at the one agency dedicated to preventing such activities. The Russians go right on lying about wanting peace and we continue to believe such lies.

If the Church committee and the National Press considers the CIA a threat to our internal liberties, why in God's name have they failed to be concerned with the external threats to our liberties from the Soviet Union.

With Viewpoint, I'm Jeffrey St. John.

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